

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Economic Development and Planning Director
Date: April 21, 2015
Subject: FY2014 Tidelands Grant Agreement- Graveline Bayou Restoration Project
(FY2014-P401-6GA)

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to submit an amended application to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) for the FY2014 approved Tidelands funding for the Graveline Bayou Restoration Project.

BACKGROUND:

On December 2, 2013, the City of Gautier received notification from the Department of Marine Resources approving a FY2014 Tidelands grant award in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Graveline Bayou Restoration Project which included dredging. The City would like to expand the scope to include a recreational public pier.

DISCUSSION:

The Economic Development & Planning Department will continue to obtain permitting for future dredging and continue to seek additional funding for the dredging of the bayou. It is recommended that the scope of this project be revised now to include a saltwater accessible fishing pier with amenities adjacent to the mouth of Graveline Bayou. This change still fits the Tidelands mission of promoting public access. This project will require salt water resistant materials such as timber piles, timber stringers and cross bracing framework as well as dimensional lumber for handrails/guardrails and wood decking. Proposed amenities such as a small covered pavilion area, low kayak launch, washdown sink and table, and a t-shaped pier will be included in the proposed change to the scope of work. It is anticipated that these expenditures for a pier that will be built to withstand the elements, along with the resources to complete any studies needed to obtain permitting for dredging will not exceed the \$250,000 funding allocation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department recommends that City Council authorize amending the FY2014 Tidelands grant application as summarized above.

City Council may:

1. Approve submission of an amended application for FY 2014 Tidelands funding as presented;
2. Approve submission of an amended application for FY 2014 Tidelands funding with other changes other than those presented above; or
3. Disapprove submission of any amended application for FY2014 Tidelands funding.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A